

DATE: November 18, 2010

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Appointments to the Committee on
Postsecondary Educational Institutions

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Approval

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 1992, State law created under the auspices of the Commission an advisory committee for recommendations and the review of issues relative to institutions subject to the Postsecondary Authorization Act. Persons appointed shall be broadly representative of the geographical characteristics of Tennessee. Five (5) members of the Committee shall be employed by, hold an ownership in, or otherwise be affiliated with an institution or other entity subject to the committee's supervision and oversight. Four (4) members shall be representative of the public interest and shall have no association or relationship with such institutions. Two (2) members shall be representative of community based organizations that have an interest in postsecondary occupational education. Of the thirteen (13) members, eleven (11) are appointed with the remaining two (2) serving by virtue of their position as Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and as Executive Director of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation.

Currently, three (3) positions on the committee are vacant. Therefore, Commission staff are recommending three new members be appointed to the Postsecondary Advisory Committee.

1. New appointment: Mr. Miles Burdine

Mr. Miles Burdine, President & CEO, Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce. His membership serves as representative of public interest having no association with such institutions. Represents East Tennessee.

2. New appointment: Dr. Earlie Steele

Dr. Earlie Steele, Assistant Professor & Supervisor of Special Education Student Teachers, Fisk University. Her membership represents public interest having no association with such institutions. Represents Middle Tennessee.

3. New appointment: Mrs. Lethia Swett Mann

Mrs. Lethia Swett Mann, Vice President & Loan Administrator, Nashville Minority Business Development Loan Fund, Inc. Her membership represents a community based organization that has an interest in postsecondary occupational education. Represents Middle Tennessee.

The staff recommends that Mr. Miles Burdine and Dr. Earlie Steele be appointed until June 30, 2013 and Mrs. Lethia Swett Mann be appointed until June 30, 2011.

Other members of the committee are:

Dr. Richard G. Rhoda, Executive Director, TN Higher Education Commission and TN Student Assistance Corporation

Denise Bentley, Attorney

Vickie Burch, President, West Tennessee Business College

Bill Faour, Director/Owner, Chattanooga College Medical, Dental and Technical Careers

Larry Griffin, President, Mid-South Christian College

Gaylon Hall, Director Emeritus, William R. Moore College of Technology

Commissions John Keys, Commissioner, TN Department of Veterans Affairs

Dr. Kittie Myatt, Department Chair, Counselor Education Programs, Argosy University

Steve South, President/Owner, South College